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The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd  
Chief Clerk/Administrator  
The Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
Columbia, SC 29210

**Docket Title: Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC for Approval of  
Proposed Electric Transportation Pilot and an Accounting Order to Defer  
Capital and Operating Expenses**  
**Docket numbers: 2018-322-E and 2018-321-E**

Dear Administrator Boyd,

Thomas Built Buses is in full support of Duke Energy's proposed Electric Transportation Pilot, which includes rebates on school buses. Zero Emission Vehicles (ZEVs) will significantly improve air quality and over time, also significantly improve the total cost of ownership equation for schools. Duke Energy's program will provide the basis for a foundational electric vehicle network which will reduce the anxiety associated with the range of vehicles and in turn accelerate the adoption of ZEVs.

The technologies that Thomas is employing on our ZEVs offer a number of benefits including emissions and efficiencies as mentioned above but could also have a positive impact on the economy of South Carolina through the possibility of buses purchased from an in-state manufacturer and the installation of charging infrastructure. This program will also assist with the establishment of South Carolina as a leader in transportation technology, creating the possibility of attracting emerging industries. There is also a likely benefit to the consumer due to V2G, smart charging technologies that can create downward price pressure.

We fully support Duke Energy in the rollout of this exciting project. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Ken Hedgecock  
Vice-President of Sales, Marketing and Service

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